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**BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE**

**ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO FILL CASUAL VACANCIES**

SEVERAL nominations have already been received for vacancies on the Town Council and the Council are prepared to receive additional nominations.

Candidates will be invited to attend a meeting of the Council in Committee in support of their candidature.

Any organisation or individual desirous of nominating any person or persons is requested to send in writing the name, address and description of such person or persons to the undersigned on or before the 3rd September.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

Clarendon House.
28th August, 1941.

## DEPLETED A.R.P.

### RAMSGATE VOICES ALARM AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Alarmed at the continued calling up of men fully trained in A.R.P. duties, the Ramsgate branch, represented by Warden E. H. Hougham and Mr. G. Hall (First-aid Party), was responsible for the most important resolution passed at the conference of the National Association for Civil Defence which was held at Caxton Hall, London.

The Ramsgate resolution, moved by Mr. Hall, strongly urged the Government to give the whole matter very careful consideration and suggested that no man over the age of 35 years who was fully trained in A.R.P. duties and was engaged as a full-time A.R.P. volunteer should be called upon to enter any other service.

Viewing with grave concern the present policy of the Government in calling up fully trained full-time members of the A.R.P. services, the resolution drew attention to the depletion which had been caused in the ranks of the A.R.P. services through the calling up for military service of a considerable number of part-time volunteers. It also recalled the repeated advice of the Government that the country must still hold itself in readiness for invasion and the warnings that a continuation on a very extensive scale of bombing attacks by the enemy on our towns and cities must be expected.

The importance attached to the matter was evidenced by the fact that the Hackney branch had brought forward a similar resolution suggesting 30 as the reservation age for the A.R.P. service and a resolution sponsored by the Islington branch pointed out that the cancelling of the deferment for wardens would seriously affect the efficiency of the service.

**Loss of Strength.**

In moving the resolutions on the subject, Mr. Hall pointed out as an illustration that if a call-up of the rescue workers was made the Ramsgate squad would be depleted of 75 per cent. of its strength. Already fully trained wardens had been called up and replaced by untrained men, which did not increase the efficiency of the service.

Among those present when the resolutions were unanimously approved was Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.P.

Another resolution brought forward by the Ramsgate branch urged that all members of the Civil Defence Services, whether full-time or part-time, should be entitled to proficiency badges after having put in two years' continuous service and that all full-time members should also be entitled to and should receive an additional increment as proficiency pay after having put in that length of service.

The officers of the Ramsgate branch of the National Association for Civil Defence, which incorporates the National Association of Air Raid Wardens, are: Chairman, Warden Dadds; vice-chairman, Mr. Browning (Rescue Party); hon. secretary, Senior Warden Hougham; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. W. Waters (First-aid); committee, Nurse Russell, Messrs. Hall (First-aid), W. Ravenshill and E. Norman (Rescue), and Wardens G. Forwood, C. Fitchew and P. A. Neep.

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## TO RAMSGATE FOR SHELTER

### NIGHTLY TREK FROM MARGATE & BROADSTAIRS

**There is room and to spare in Ramsgate's deep tunnel shelters and for some time past many residents of Margate and Broadstairs have been among those who make use of them at night.**

Recently some of the Margate and Broadstairs residents who habitually use the shelters made application to Ramsgate Town Council for bunks and private cubicles.

In view of the amount of accommodation available the Ramsgate A.R.P. Committee, to whom the matter was referred, saw no reason why residents from the neighbouring towns should not be permitted to use the shelters.

The committee also agreed that those who so desired should be allotted bunks and cubicles "if from time to time there should be a surplus over and above the requirements of Ramsgate residents but that preference in the allocation of bunks and cubicles should at all times be given to Ramsgate residents."

## DIED ON DUTY

### TRIBUTE TO FIVE FIRE FIGHTERS

**High tribute to Chief Officer Bates, Patrol Officer Spice and Auxiliary Firemen Hammond, Pemble and White, who lost their lives in a recent raid on a south-east coast town, was paid at a meeting of the local Council.**

The chairman said it was not necessary for him to refer to the circumstances in which the men lost their lives but he wished to refer to the way in which they had carried out their duties during their periods of service.

Chief Officer Bates entered their service as far back as 9th November, 1920, and he was appointed Chief Officer on 23rd May the following year. He had to his credit no less than 21 years' service in the interests of the Council. Chief Officer Bates gave to the Council and the town everything he possibly could in the interests of the fire service. He was due to retire on 4th March, 1940, when he attained the age of 60, but in view of the conditions the Council decided to retain his valuable services.

**100 Per Cent. Efficient.**

All the members of the Council, continued the chairman, knew Chief Officer Bates extremely well. He was not exaggerating when he said he had not a single enemy. He was a man who became a friend to everyone with whom he came into contact. He was conscientious in his duties and left no stone unturned in seeing that the particular department of which he was the head was 100 per cent. efficient.

Looking back on the years during which Mr. Bates held the position of Chief Officer they appreciated how efficient had been the fire service in the town. At the outbreak of the war it fell to his lot to train the men of the Auxiliary Fire Service. His training was excellent and he produced in the local A.F.S. a section of the Civil Defence who could carry out their duties in the interests of fire protection in the town.

They were mourning the passing of one who was a friend to all with whom he came into contact, and one who was loved by the men who were in his charge.

To the relatives they wished to express their deep regret at the passing of the Chief Officer and their appreciation of the very valuable and loyal service he had rendered to the town.

P/O Spice, said the chairman, became a retained fireman in November, 1926, and together with the other three members of the A.F.S. carried out his duties very well. He was not speaking without very careful thought when he said that the manner in which the men laid down their lives was in accord with what they might have expected of those who were responsible for the Civil Defence of the town.

To the relatives of these men also the Council wished to express deep regret at their passing and condolence in the losses they had sustained.

The members of the Council stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

### MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES

**Deaths announced by the Ministry of Transport among members of the Merchant Navy by enemy action on various dates include those of 3rd Hand Alfred H. Gibbons, of 69 Winstanley-crescent, Ramsgate, and A/B Edward Ernest Parker, of The Roadstead, New-street, Margate.**

### PILOT OFFICER CAPTURED

**P/O Harry John Sellars, R.A.F., of West Leigh, King's-avenue, Birchington, is reported to be a prisoner of war in German hands.**

### DR. WOOLF'S NEW POST

**Dr. E. A. Woolf, secretary of the Kent Youth Committee and formerly of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, has been appointed Principal of the Erith Technical College.**

## Came Home to Die

### AGED WIDOW FOUND GASSED

A neighbour having noticed that the milk had not been taken in and a doctor having received no reply when he called, police forced an entry into the home of Mrs. Frances Alice Sames, aged 85 years, who lived alone at No. 16 Grosvenor-road, Broadstairs.

They found Mrs. Sames lying dead on the bathroom floor. The gas was escaping and a short length of tubing had been attached to a gas jet.

At the inquest the Coroner, Mr. E. T. Lambert, returned a verdict of suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed.

Mr. Samuel Keyes, of Charing, nephew, said he last saw his aunt alive on Wednesday, 20th August, when he brought her back to her home at Broadstairs from Blean Institution, to which she had been evacuated. She had been in failing health for some time but then seemed fairly well. She had been a widow for about 19 years.

Mrs. Ellen Simmons, of 9 Grosvenor-road, a house on the opposite side of the road, said she knew Mrs. Sames fairly well. On Saturday morning, 23rd August, when witness last saw her she appeared to be cheerful but at times she had seemed a bit worried. As she was lonely living alone witness had invited her to call occasionally for a chat. On Tuesday morning witness noticed that the milk had not been taken in.

Dr. C. H. T. Bond, who had attended Mrs. Sames some months ago, said he received a message from her on Monday asking him to call but when he did so on the following day he received no reply. On Wednesday he was called to the house by the police as Mrs. Sames had been found dead. Death, which had taken place 24 hours previously, was due to coal gas poisoning.

P/C Taylor, K.C.C., of Broadstairs, who went to the house at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, said that as he could get no reply at the front or back he forced an entry. As he was met by a slight smell of gas, he opened the windows and turned off the gas at the meter. In the bathroom upstairs Mrs. Sames was lying dead on the floor and there was a short length of tubing attached to a gas jet.

### STOLE FROM GAS METER

#### AFTER DISPUTE WITH WIFE

A Ramsgate miner who, following a dispute with his wife, wrenched the lock off a gas meter and extracted the money, appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Defendant, Glyndwr Trevor Webber, aged 23, of Bolton-street, pleaded guilty to stealing 13s. 4d., the property of the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses, between 12th March and 1st July.

D/C Oram said he saw defendant at the police station on 3rd August, when he made a statement.

In the statement defendant said he was now employed as a rope hand at Chislet Colliery. He was at one time living at No. 4 Bolton-street and about three weeks after taking over the house gave his wife 2s. 6d. to mind for him. Some days later he asked her for the money and she would not give it to him.

"I had been on the drink the previous night," continued the statement, "and I lost my temper owing to my wife not returning the 2s. 6d. I then took a poker and wrenched the lock off the gas meter. My wife was not there when I did this. I think there was about 4s. in the meter at that time. The lock on the meter was not again secured and money could be placed in the slot to obtain gas and then taken out again. I took about 10d. from the meter some days later. I should think I had in all about 5s. from the meter. I am quite willing to repay the money that is short in the meter and also for the damage to the lock."

Chief Inspr. Butcher said that at Margate police court in 1938 defendant was bound over for 12 months for larceny from a bathing tent and at Ramsgate in March, 1940, was charged with being an absentee without leave from his unit and was handed over to the military authorities.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendant would be fined £1 and would have to repay to the Corporation the missing money and 1s. 8d. for damage to the meter lock.

As he had been ill defendant was given a fortnight in which to pay.

### FROM AMBULANCE TO ARMY

#### TRANSPORT SERGT. PACKMAN LEAVES FOR SERVICE

Transport Sergt. George Packman, of the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is leaving the town this week to join the Royal Army Service Corps.

T/S Packman, whose home is at 34 St. David's-road, has been a member of the S.J.A.B. for the past 12 years and permanent driver for four years.

A very efficient ambulanceman in addition to being a skilled mechanic, T/S Packman has undertaken thousands of errands of mercy and the first-aid treatment he has applied before removing patients to hospital has resulted in the saving of numerous lives.

His colleagues will wish him a speedy return to Ramsgate and to the S.J.A.B.

## Moonlight Raid

### MAN BLOWN FROM BICYCLE

**There were very few casualties and only slight damage was caused when a German moonlight raider dropped bombs on a south-east coast town on Saturday night.**

A small fire broke out but it was extinguished in less than five minutes.

Mr. Thomas Easters, aged 62, who was wounded by a piece of bomb splinter, was taken to hospital, and Mr. Charles Cooper, who was blown from his cycle, received first-aid treatment for abrasions.

The windows of a few shops and houses were blown out.

## BOMBED BY DAYLIGHT

### D.F.C. FOR CHIEF CONSTABLE'S SON

**Decorations officially gazetted to-day to 51 R.A.F. officers and airmen who took part in the big daylight attacks in July on Brest, La Pallice and Cherbourg included the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Acting Wing-Comdr. Vernon S. Butler, No. 226 Squadron.**

Only son of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate, Mr. S. F. Butler, Wing-Comdr. Butler, who is an old boy of St. Lawrence College, is 25 years of age. He served in France in the early part of the war and has taken part in a great many bombing operations. His wife is the daughter of the late Mr. Joshua Harrison, of Ramsgate.

In connection with the attacks for which the awards have been made, the Air Ministry states that extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition were encountered by all our aircraft taking part. Nevertheless the attackers secured direct hits on their objectives and inflicted very severe damage in the target area. The precise timing of attack by the various formations, correct approach, and accurate bombing demanded great skill and high courage.

The great success of the operations was largely due to the bravery, determination, and resources displayed by those who participated in various capacities as leaders and members of the aircraft crews.

### IN UNIFORM

#### WHAT THE MAYOR IS DOING FOR THE TROOPS

The Mayor of Ramsgate writes to the Editor of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO:

Sir,—Some people wonder why their Mayor is walking about dressed as a captain of the British Army. It is because I am Welfare Officer for the troops in this area.

It may be interesting to many to know what is being done in this direction.

My primary duty is to look after the comfort of the troops and attend to any complaints or queries they may have. It is surprising sometimes what I really am asked to do; for instance, I appeared in court for a man who had trouble with a girl.

My chief concern is supplying the troops with sports gear, games, etc., and requests have even come in for furniture.

So far I have been able to supply eight pianos, dozens of dart boards, hundreds of packs of cards, tennis racquets, boxing gloves, draughts, footballs and football shirts, and these gifts have been much appreciated.

This is how I have been able to purchase these: at first I footed the bills but it eventually became too heavy so I organised a fund named the Services Comforts Fund, which now enables me to buy all the requirements of the area and they are many.

The chief support of this fund has been the money made by the Troopers Concert Party, the dances organised by Fred Hargraves and his band, and the weekly whist drives.

On 11th September at the West Cliff Theatre another dance is being held for the fund.

On 13th September a produce sale at the gymnasium, Clarendon House, at 3 p.m., will be opened by Lady Carson. I want to appeal to all who can give anything from their gardens or allotments to do so; send it to me Saturday morning, 13th September—however small, it will help.

Most of you have sons fighting for us and these boys around here are some mothers' sons. You will be helping the men who are defending our shores from the invader and where would we be without them?

So you see to keep things going we have to be always on the move and in this I am most ably assisted by my services secretary, Mrs. D. Peete.

You have never failed me yet, so please help a cause that must be dear to all of us.

A. B. C. KEMPE,
Mayor.

### BLACK-OUT TIMES

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| To-day | ... 8.15 p.m. | —5.45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | .. 8.14 p.m. | —5.46 a.m. |
| Thursday | ... 8.11 p.m. | —5.47 a.m. |
| Friday | ... 8.9 p.m. | —5.48 a.m. |
| Saturday | ... 8.6 p.m. | —5.50 a.m. |
| Sunday | ... 8.4 p.m. | —5.52 a.m. |
| Monday | ... 8.2 p.m. | —5.53 a.m. |

## TOTAL VICTORY

### CAPT. BALFOUR SAYS TOTAL EFFORT IS NEEDED

Addressing the members of the Margate Constitutional Club on Saturday the Member for Thanet, Capt. Harold Balfour, P.C., Under-Secretary for Air, emphasised that total victory must be our aim.

"In the bomber lies our punch on the solar plexus of Germany," said Capt. Balfour. "It is the 'beautiful bomb' that makes factories crumble and spirits waver, and we will go on ceaselessly hitting at the nerve centres of Germany's life. I believe our cry to industry here and to the United States must be loud and clear 'Roll out the bombers. Load up the bombs.'."

Dealing with the material and spiritual significance of the Atlantic declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, Capt. Balfour said "Materially it should be remembered that these pledges were exchanged on the waters of the Battle of the Atlantic —those very seas which Herr Goebbels has been boasting for months past would have come under German control. It is for him to explain to his dupes how Mr. Churchill could travel each way in safety; how our convoys continually sail these seas, guarded triumphantly by ship and aeroplane.

"In spirit, these pledges, made by the democratic leaders, both answerable to the free legislatures of their respective countries, lay down a human and common understanding of intention as to what shall be the shape of things to come, when the inevitable victory is within our grasp.

"To get the victory which will enable us to put into operation these common principles is our purpose. It is likely yet to be long and hard, calling for effort and sacrifice beyond that which hitherto any one of us has considered adequate as our contribution. Herr Hitler forced a total war. We call for a total effort, we must go for a total victory.

**A Fraction of the Task.**

"In spite of the collapse of our former ally, France, bringing with it strategic and material gains of tremendous value to the enemy, we have avoided defeat during the first two years of war; and, indeed, I believe that our island fortress, stoutly armed and bravely defended, could continue indefinitely to avoid defeat. But this would be only a fraction of the task, for we need this total victory, and I do not believe we can get it without that generous help from the United States which the declaration of the Atlantic makes more certain.

"Even as the Atlantic declaration was being signed in the west, far away in the east the Russian forces have been stubbornly defending their land.

"I am no lover of Communist doctrines or methods—though equally, I expect that if you asked the Soviet Commissars they, on their part, would hardly agree with the Tory Party. But to-day, in this war, anyone who kills Germans is my friend and ally.

"The splendid defence of Russia has diverted enemy men and material from the western front. It gives us a pause but not one to rest in or complacently to watch others fighting the common enemy. The lull weeks must be used frantically in redoubling our efforts so as to be sure we are that much better armed and prepared for the final tussle in the west, whenever it should come. It is in this way that everyone engaged in any direction of our war effort can themselves make a real contribution of help to Russian soldiers and to the defeat of the German attack.

**Challenge to the Luftwaffe.**

"In the air the initiative is with the Royal Air Force. Day and night we are carrying on an offensive with fighter and bomber. What a contrast to 12 months ago, when the Battle of Britain was being fought. To-day, Fighter Command trails its coat in front of the Luftwaffe, challenging them to come up and fight. To-day we are successfully doing over enemy-occupied territory what the Germans tried to do over Britain last summer and failed; and in failing lost the Battle of Britain.

"Our bomber force has the initiative. To-day it is the Royal Air Force that has recommenced day bombing on a great scale, our heavy and light bombers penetrating deep into the heart of Germany in broad daylight.

"Are not these two actions proof positive that the spirit of the Royal Air Force has achieved superiority over the morale of the Luftwaffe? It remains now for our supplies of aircraft to overtake in quantity those of the enemy, and when this comes about then, indeed, shall we be able to claim mastery in the air.

"Finally," said Capt. Balfour, "let our bomber force be ever so great, we can be sure we shall never lack in quality or numbers the personnel of our air fleet, so long as we have the sort of young men whom I have seen training in this country and in the Dominions."

### ASSESSMENTS

#### MORE AMENDED AT BROADSTAIRS

At a meeting in August of the Rating and Valuation Committee of Broadstairs Council, the three members present—Councillors H. Noble, in the chair, S. W. Fright and F. J. Malpress—considered 108 additional proposals submitted for the amendment of the Valuation List and gave instructions regarding them.

At two meetings of the Finance Committee during the month payment of certain amounts was remitted in 29 cases of persons from whom general and water rates were due.

## PARENTS SUMMONED

### CHILDREN WHO WERE BROUGHT BACK

**Owing to the absence of the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), who had been called away from the town, Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a week the first summonses brought under the Defence Regulations against parents who had failed to obey the instructions given by the local authority for the return of children to the reception area.**

Ernest Dines, of Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, was summoned in respect of Reginald Dines, and there were three summonses against Herbert Hudson, of Whitehall-road, in respect of Ronald Hudson, Joan Hudson and Dorothy Hudson.

The summonses alleged that the children, all between the ages of 5 and 14 years, had returned to Ramsgate since 23rd June and that the parents had failed to obey instructions to evacuate them again by 23rd August.

The proceedings were brought following directions made by the Regional Commissioner under powers conferred upon him by Regulation 16A of the Defence (General) Regulations 1939.

When the first case was called, the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said the Town Clerk was prosecuting and it was a matter which concerned the question of children being allowed to remain in the town. The Town Clerk had been called that day to a conference which dealt with the matter in general and he asked that the cases should be held over.

The magistrates consented to an adjournment for a week.

## MORE 9d. DINNERS

### RAMSGATE'S SECOND FEEDING CENTRE OPENED

Members of Ramsgate Town Council and officials of the Corporation, sitting down to a ninepenny lunch on Monday, found it good and tasty.

The occasion was the opening of Ramsgate's second British Restaurant, which has been established at Ellington Girls' School to serve the St. Lawrence area.

To aid appetite a bright colour scheme has been adopted—orange for the chairs and green for the tablecloths. At tables, each accommodating eight people, about a hundred customers can be served at one sitting and the restaurant is open daily except Sunday from noon until 2.30 p.m. Mrs. E. A. Tidbury reigns in the kitchen under the supervision of Mr. R. Aiano, who has been appointed manager of Ramsgate communal feeding centres, and members of the Women's Voluntary Services are tireless in attendance as waitresses.

Paying tribute at the opening ceremony to the efforts of the Communal Feeding Committee, under the chairmanship of Alderman T. W. Mockridge, the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, said the committee's duties entailed a great deal of work and service for the town. "There is this about it, too," said the Mayor, "we may all have to come to this in the future and may have to meet here to try and cheer each other up."

**Wicked Waste.**

Emphasising that the food question was one which would play an important part in winning the war, the Mayor added "Don't waste any. I see a lot of wasted bread and other food in bins. If I get anyone who does that before me I shall give them three months because it is a wicked thing to waste food."

Alderman Mockridge, who mentioned that the British Restaurant at St. George's School, under the direction of Mrs. Duerth, had now given satisfaction for nine months, said the committee were prepared to start another in Hereson School as soon as there was a demand for it.

If there was a demand for later meals for the men who were working outside the town and did not get back until the late afternoon or evening they would also consider opening for them. In the meantime, however, they had been supplying dinners at St. George's School for consumption outside. Wives brought plates for the food and only had to warm up the meals when their husbands arrived home. On Saturdays, too, they had been supplying extra meals for Sunday dinners.

Claiming that the committee had done their utmost to meet the needs of the public, particularly people bombed out of their homes, Alderman Mockridge added "If the people of Ramsgate want British Restaurants it is up to them to give us their support as we are doing it for their sakes and not for our own."

Pointing out that all the waitresses were voluntary workers, Alderman Mockridge acknowledged the loyal and willing assistance the committee had received from Mrs. Blinko and the members of the W.V.S.

### IN RAID ON PETSAMO

Son of Mr. H. W. Hutchinson, of Bridge House, St. Peter's-road, Margate, Sub-Lieut. O. G. W. Hutchinson, of the Fleet Air Arm, who took part in the recent raid on Petsamo, addressed members of the Margate A.T.C. last week.

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## TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY

### AIRMAN BURIED ON WEDDING DAY

A/C Leslie W. Welham, R.A.F., of Margate, who met his death while on service as an aero-engine fitter, was buried on the first anniversary of his wedding.

The son of Mrs. C. Uden, formerly of Addington-street, Margate, and an old boy of Margate Central School, A/C Welham was employed until July last year as a Corporation greenkeeper and was assistant scoutmaster of the Congregational Church Troop. The day before he joined the R.A.F. he married Miss Iris Peach, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Peach, of Garlinge.

The funeral took place at St. Peter's Church, Langton, the mourners being Mrs. I. W. Welham (widow), Mrs. C. Uden (mother), Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Peach (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Miss Daisy Peach (sister-in-law), Miss M. Peach, Mrs. G. Woodcock, Mrs. G. Shave (aunts), Mrs. and Miss M. Rendell, Mr. B. Carter, Mrs. Croad, Mrs. and Miss Legg, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Hawker, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Willshire and Mrs. Membury (friends).

The wreaths included tributes from the Commanding Officer, officers, warrant officers, sergeants and men of deceased's station.

## THANET PROBLEMS

### CAPT. BALFOUR'S ADVICE

Thanet's M.P., Capt. Harold Balfour, P.C., Under-Secretary for Air, recently back from his fifth Atlantic air crossing since the outbreak of war, visited his constituency on Saturday and discussed local problems with the heads of the councils of Ramsgate, Margate, Broadstairs and Sandwich.

Capt. Balfour mentioned that during his last tour of Canada and the United States he had been asked how Thanet, "a real war area," was getting on and he had replied that the people were as cheerful as any he had seen in Canada or America.

One of the chief questions put to Capt. Balfour during his interviews with the civic chiefs concerned the hardships caused to local property owners who found it impossible to meet the demands for contributions under the war damage insurance scheme owing to conditions created by the war.

Capt. Balfour suggested that a joint memorandum should be prepared by the Thanet towns and sent to him so that he could make representations to the department concerned.

He advised that, in preparing the memorandum, the councils should establish the facts of hardship and the class of case to which it applied, examine all possible channels to discover whether any means existed at present for obtaining relief, and, if none were found, devise a scheme of relief that would be fair and reasonable to all parties.

**No Relaxing.**

Capt. Balfour also emphasised that we must not relax for one moment our preparations for defence against invasion.

"Even though invasion may seem to the ordinary person somewhat more remote on account of the Russian diversion," he said, "my own view is that sooner or later Herr Hitler must attempt invasion of this country if he is going to try to put forward his total effort. Great Britain is the final and greatest opponent of Germany. Before the war ends it seems to me more than likely that there will be an attempt at invasion. But I am equally confident that as weeks go by so the prospect of a successful outcome of such an invasion becomes less and less.

"The local authorities and the civil population have got or will get their instructions; our military force is more powerful and better equipped; our air power is growing; and the Navy is helping to win the Battle of the Atlantic. All these things are in our favour for the hour of trial, if and when it does come."

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### BARLEY FOR BEER

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Incidentally Lord Woolton is one of "those who can see no wrong in a glass of beer," for he said recently that he and his cabinet colleagues had decided that it was in the public interest that the production of light beers should continue (Hansard 10/6/41).

W. H. STAFFORD.

25th August, 1941.

### MINSTER FARMER'S DEATH

Mr. Alfred Neame Setterfield, of The Cherries, Monkton-road, Minster, who farmed at Edenhall, Monkton-road, until he retired seven years ago, has died aged 82 years.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Setterfield, Mr. Setterfield had spent all his life at Minster with the exception of three years, going to Canada for a year in 1906 and living at Eastry from 1919 to 1921.

He is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters.

The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Tuesday.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

# THE MAN WHO LOVED SUNSETS

## By JOHN MARSH

A strange, grim country. But Francis Grey found it lovable and understanding. Its contrasts amazed him. One moment he would seem to be squeezed to death in a narrow street between two cliff-like mills, and the next he would be away from the fried-fish shops and shabby public-houses, looking across a sea of brown heather to purple hills rising to a majestic sunset over by the old Crimean War Memorial on Scammoden Edge. At one moment the click and clatter of clogs would be filling his ears, the next he would hear the sweet whisper of approaching night through the heather.

It pleased Francis to come in the evening to watch the sun setting beyond the moors. He would climb the road out of the town, strike across the hillside and be standing, with his feet on the yielding heather, 15 minutes after leaving his rather forbidding lodgings near the station.

"Might be Scotland," he would muse wonderingly, and later turn to retrace his steps, calling at the "Ancient Fiddler" for his nightly gill of bitter beer.

But one evening, as he stood filling his pipe, his eyes on the red disc slipping behind the farthest ridge, a woman came over the heather towards him. He caught sight of her out of his eye corner, and felt childishly annoyed. Usually he had this part of the moor to himself except on Saturday and Sunday . . .

As she drew near, he glanced at her curiously. She was soberly dressed in a blouse and skirt with a blue shawl over her shoulders. In the twilight he could not see her face distinctly. It was just a white blotch in the dim light.

She was, he supposed, a farmer's wife crossing the heather to the town as a change from taking the road lower down the hill. There were plenty of scattered farmsteads in the neighbourhood where lived men whose forebears had farmed this inhospitable countryside for generations.

When she was within a few paces, he realised that she was in distress. Her hands plucked at her shawl; her lower lip was imprisoned by her small, white teeth.. Her eyes were wide and frightened.

He thought to himself, "I wonder what's the matter!" and turned away, for like most men he did not want to be mixed up in anything which did not concern him.

He hoped she would pass and take her sorrow with her. She was a disturbing element out here on the peaceful moor.

But she stopped beside him. He felt bound to look at her again. And this time his eyes widened. For her right hand was covered with blood.

"Are you—hurt?" he asked and suddenly realised that she was young and beautiful in a full animal fashion with rich lips, a perfect complexion and very large, very dark eyes.

She shook her head and a tremor of horror swept over her. She, too, looked down at her blood-stained hand.

"No—no, I'm not hurt!" Her voice startled him. It was a soft voice, far different from the harsh north-country accent he knew so well. "It—it's not my blood. It's his!"

"His?" he queried stupidly.

She nodded.

"My husband! I stabbed him!"

She said it in a low confiding tone. She was not hysterical, just genuinely upset. But he knew, with a glance into those dark mirrors, what an effort it was costing her to keep her head.

**The Drama of Stream Top Farm.**

And all at once he felt that he was being drawn into something he did not understand. This woman had as good as admitted killing her husband, and she expected him to do something about it.

And he was only a cashier in a manufacturer's office, just liking sunsets and tobacco and beer, not a man of action at all.

"Where've you come from?" he asked, and she nodded back down the darkling hillside.

"Stream Top Farm! I was just going into town—for the police!"

"I see!" What did one say to a murderess? "Now—how did it happen?"

"He was mean. I wanted money—for food. He wouldn't give it to me. I lost my temper. There was a knife on the table. I—I just picked it up and stabbed him."

"Is he—dead?" Francis asked.

She moved her head and it might have been a shake or a nod.

"I don't—know . . ."

"Then we'd better go back to the farm and see," he declared. "It's just beyond the ridge, isn't it?"

He had seen it a number of times; had, in fact, often walked past its stinking pigstyes on his lonely perambulations.

He cursed himself for a fool as he started downhill. Why was he butting in? If he let the woman go to the police on her own, he could keep out of things.

He supposed, with a sigh, that it was just senseless compassion which prompted fools like himself to offer their generally useless assistance.

She followed slowly. Neither spoke. Presently they came out of a dip in the moor. In the twilight Stream Top Farm seemed even more poverty-stricken than usual. It had tiny windows set in very thick blackened walls, and a low doorway with a three-hundred-years-old date carved in the headstone.

Francis went into the dark kitchen. A low fire burned in the grate and he saw the woman's husband asprawl in his chair at the end of the table, with his back to the last of the daylight, which came through the narrow windows.

He crossed to the man's side. He was dead, right enough. There was no doubt about that. To Francis's surprise, he was a little old man with a long straight nose and a thin fringe of beard. Quite 30 years older than the woman who stood staring so intently at Francis that he turned to meet her eyes.

"He's dead!" he said.

She covered her face with her hands. He thought she was going to faint, but when he stepped quickly towards her, she pulled her hands down. Her eyes were fixed on the wall ahead. Her teeth sank into her rich lower lip.

"The knife!" she gasped hoarsely. "I can't bear—to see it!"

He looked down and saw an ordinary carving knife with a narrow razor-like blade lying within a foot of the corpse. The blade was covered with blood.

"If that's worrying you——" he said, and, picking it up, put it on the window sill out of sight.

He realised as he was doing it that he should have left the knife alone. But somehow to move it did not seem as terrible as the possibility that the woman might faint and land him with yet another problem to solve. After all, it wasn't as if there was any doubt whom the murderer was . . .

"He has a great deal of money on him," the woman said dully.

He looked at her, startled. A lot of money, a poor West Riding farmer!

"And—and he wouldn't buy—food?"

She shook her head bitterly.

"He sold a large number of sheep to-day. I came on him when he was counting his money. It was that that made me so—so furious. He had all that—yet I had to go hungry."

Francis looked at the body again. A small bundle of banknotes was tightly clutched in the grimy claw which hung lifelessly over the arm of the chair.

"If you're going down to the police station with me, hadn't you better take that money along?" the woman asked; then with sudden fire: "I don't want it to be stolen while we're gone. It might be useful to me in the next few weeks."

He did not like disturbing anything, though he saw the point of her remarks. Yet after all, he had touched the knife, and, if he was going to escort the woman into the town—for they obviously could not stay up here until someone chanced along—it would be foolishness leaving all that money alone with only a dead man to guard it.

He prised the fingers apart and slipped the money into his jacket pocket; then, as he turned, he noticed that the woman had walked across to the fireplace. There was little light, for now the twilight was giving place to night; a dull glow was all that remained in the old-fashioned grate.

She reached for something which was leaning in one corner of the chimney breast.

"Here, I say!" he cried, suddenly starting forward.

**Trapped.**

But she had him covered. In the semi-darkness, she was a gigantic figure, and he could see the cruel twist of her red mouth. Her eyes were glowing with some devilish merriment as they rested on his. He saw her strong, white fingers tighten on the trigger and stock of the modern shot gun.

"We must wait until someone comes," she said, then, as if reciting a lesson: "When they see you have murdered my husband, they will fetch the police. I always go to town on Wednesday evening. I forgot my purse to-night, a thing I never do as a rule, and turned back. I found you here robbing my husband's corpse of his hard-earned profits!"

He was trapped. He was struck dumb by the amazing audacity of it all.

What a fool he had been! First she had inveigled him into touching the knife, the handle of which had no doubt been wiped clean for the reception of his finger-prints a quarter of an hour before; and secondly, she had had little difficulty in persuading him to put the money in his pocket; and what did that look like?

"You'll never get away with this!" he panted, and felt angry because he was so obviously agitated and afraid.

"Oh, yes, I shall!" Her perfect teeth gleamed for a moment. "I've worked it out—every detail. Think I haven't seen you come every night to watch the sun set. Sunset, indeed! You were spying on us, on our habits. You planned to murder my husband, knowing he had been to the sale and that I would be in town."

She laughed, a low liquid sound which fell through the darkness and splashed him with fear. He moved forward, panic in his legs; but she stopped him.

"I'll shoot!" she said, quietly. "It would make no difference to my story to say I had to shoot you in self defence. It might, indeed, be the easier way——"

He stopped, his arm hanging limply.

"And how long—are we to stay here?" he asked, then looked round, startled, as a man's form in the low doorway shut out the remaining daylight.

"Give me the gun, Ruth, and strike a light, for God's sake!" he muttered hoarsely.

So this is the arch-villain of the piece, Francis thought grimly.

As a match flared and the wick in the swinging lamp over the table caught, he saw a dark saturnine face above the gleaming barrel of the shot-gun. The man was obviously a farmer—his boots were muddy, the bottoms of his trousers were tied about with string, a neckcloth was knotted loosely round his thick red neck. Above his tanned lantern-jawed face were a pair of brown passionate eyes and a mop of unruly black hair.

His voice was the voice of the moor, deep, harsh on consonants, soft and dwelling on vowels, a voice to pierce a shouting wind, unlike the woman's soft modulated tones.

In a flash the whole thing was clear to Francis. Old man, attractive wife, young neighbour——

"And now," the woman said, "while I go to town for the police, Jim will stay here and guard you. It was fortunate he called on his neighbour about this time to-night!"

She laughed, her eyes mocking Francis in the lamplight. Then she crossed to the window sill, lifted the knife carefully in a handkerchief to the table, and pulled a shawl over her black hair. With a last look at the two motionless men, she hurried from the house.

Francis stood helplessly watching the other whose eyes never wavered above the shot-gun's barrel.

"But it's ridiculous!" he wanted to say, then decided suddenly that it wasn't ridiculous at all.

**Boastful Confession.**

He looked about the room. The furniture was poor, the few ornaments on the mantelshelf above the fireplace were gimcrack affairs. There were no curtains in the windows, no carpet on the floor. The brass pans and various kitchen utensils on the shelves in the corner did not bear out the saying, which Francis had heard oft-repeated, that a Yorkshire housewife would rather live with the devil than muck. The metalwork was dull and neglected. His gaze passed on to the shelf above the mantelpiece, to the stone floor. The former was thick in dust, the latter dirty and littered with rubbish.

Evidently Mrs. Harper was a sloven, for the meanness of her husband was no excuse for such a dirty house.

Francis's thoughts switched back to his own predicament. He tried to think out ways of escape and knew there were none. For even if he succeeded in getting away, the story told by the murderers would still be the same. The police would hunt him down.

He looked at the corpse and was struck by the expression on its face. Harper had undoubtedly been expecting death, for his wide-open eyes were filled with terror; his lips were drawn back from his yellow teeth in a terrified snarl.

The wound was in his chest and for that reason, it seemed to Francis, it must have been inflicted by the man and not the woman, for a pretty strong and accurate blow would be needed.

"What was Harper doing—when you came this evening to kill him?" he asked, and the man holding the shot-gun started at the unusual question as much as at the sudden shattering of the brooding silence.

"What th' hell does that matter?" he snapped, then his tone changed. He grinned cruelly, his eyes narrowing. "He was counting his money, if you must know. Sitting there, like an old crow, fumbling with his cash and putting every penny he'd taken and spent down on a bit o' paper, like the old miser he is." He laughed harshly. "He got a shock when I walked in. He didn't like the idea of dying a bit."

Francis said quietly.

"You mean you stood over him and let him know he was—going to die?"

The other nodded boastfully.

"Course I did! He'd held the upper hand over Ruth—and me for long enough. We gave him a bit of his own medicine."

"But he—he must have made some struggle to escape."

He shook his head and laughed again, a trifle hysterically.

"He couldn't! Ruth held him easily from behind his chair. He just clutched his money with both hands—in case we took it, I guess—and stared at me, as I stood over him, just as I've so often stood over one of my own sheep before putting a knife in its throat! Ha—ha!"

There were beads of sweat on the man's forehead. His hand trembled.

Francis knew he was talking—gloating over what he had done—so that he could avoid thinking too much of what lay ahead, of the difficult part he would have to play.

He was afraid of himself, of his captive, of the dead man at the table.

No doubt the woman had been the brains of the murder, no doubt her beauty had lured this man into the affair.

Francis feverishly went over the conversation in his mind again. He looked anxiously at the dead farmer, then at his captor.

"Mind if I walk round?" he asked.

The other's face darkened.

"No fancy tricks, mind!" he warned.

"It wouldn't help me if I did try to get away," Francis said, and the other nodded.

"No, you're for it, true enough!" And added, under his breath: "You poor devil!"

Francis wandered round the room, making a great show of examining the furniture and even the ornaments on the mantelshelf. The man watched suspiciously, but Francis, despite his private feelings, continued with his examination, calmly unperturbed.

He trod on something, and, looking down, discovered a stump of pencil which had evidently fallen from the dead man's hand. He stooped to pick it up.

"What you doing?" the other growled.

"Just picking—this up!" Francis said, and caught sight of something under the table which sent a sudden surge of hope into his heart.

His companion hardly listened to his reply. He fished a cumbersome silver watch from his pocket.

"They should be back soon," he muttered.

**The Missing Note.**

Francis did not speak but took a seat beside the table. He wondered what people would say in the town if he were had up for murder. Though he had been cashier at the Worsted Clothing Company Ltd. for three years, he had made no real friends. Many times the glances of acquaintances told him that they considered him a quiet sort of cuss best left alone . . .

Whereas these two murderers were probably highly respected throughout the countryside. A woman who had been deprived of her husband by a murderous thief would get any amount of sympathy.

Presently footsteps sounded in the farmyard. The man with the gun faced the door. Francis could see he was steeling himself for the coming ordeal.

A burly police sergeant, followed by the woman, a constable and the local doctor, entered. Evidently the woman had told them everything on the way over the moor for they eyed the corpse and the two men without emotion.

"Good-evening, sergeant," Francis said quietly.

In his off-times the sergeant patronised the "Ancient Fiddler."

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"Why—you!" The man, who had just recognised Francis, was staggered. "Nay, I can't 'ardly believe it of you——"

"It's true enough, though," the woman cried. "I came back for my purse and found him robbing my husband . . ."

Her lover watched every move as the doctor and constable crossed to the dead man.

"He's dead, right enough," the doctor said, and the sergeant, avoiding Francis's eyes, came to his side.

"The money—where is it?"

Francis took the wad of notes from his pocket and handed them over.

"I shall 'ave to take you along to the station with me," the sergeant said, "and if you're thinking of saying anything, be careful, for I shall put it all down and it may be used in evidence against you later."

Francis nodded with a faint smile.

"As you sure the money is all there?"

The sergeant looked puzzled; then he glanced across at the woman.

"Do you know how much your husband had?"

She shook her head.

"No! He just said he'd done pretty well at the sale. After I found him dead, I never even saw the money. It was in that man's pocket by that time."

Francis pointed to the sheet of calculations on the table.

"The amount is plainly written there, sergeant! Why not count the money and see if it tallies?"

The sergeant scratched his head. But the constable, an eager youngster—thrilled that his first case should be one of murder—looked at the paper.

"Ninety-two pounds, ten shillings, sergeant!" he declared.

"Orl right, orl right!" the sergeant snapped. "Speak when you're spoken to, my lad!"

But he counted the money nevertheless, and found only ninety-two pounds.

"There's ten bob missing," he exclaimed, and looked at Francis suspiciously. "Where is it? You seem to know a lot about this business."

Francis pointed under the table.

"Lift that aside, sergeant," he said.

But the sergeant shook his head.

"Mustn't move anything, you should know that!" he reproved.

The constable, however, solved the matter in his own way by kneeling down and flashing his lamp into the darkness beneath the table.

"'Ere's another note, sergeant!" he cried, almost at once, and handed it over. "Found it by the dead man's foot!"

The woman and her lover watched carefully. The shot-gun in the man's hand swayed unsteadily.

The sergeant took the note and examined it by the light of the lamp.

"Why, it's been written on!" he exclaimed. "Funny scrawly writing. Can't just make it out. Yes, I got it! Summat about 'Writing this as Murgatroyd stands over me with knife—and Ruth——'"

His startled face turned towards the man.

"Murgatroyd—you!——" he began, then his words were blotted out by an ear-splitting roar.

But Francis was on Murgatroyd even as his nervous fingers twitched the trigger. The shot flew into the rafters.

After their first stunned amazement, the sergeant, constable and doctor joined in.

Into the silence which followed the explosion and scuffling crept the woman's voice:

"I told you you were a fool—talking so much, Jim Murgatroyd," she said viciously . . .

[The End.]

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

### WOUNDED IN CRETE

#### RAMSGATE ARTILLERYMAN'S LETTER

A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hughes, of 11 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, states that their only son, Gnr. Thomas Walter Hughes, R.A.,

who was reported missing on 2nd June, has been wounded and is in an English hospital in Crete.

"I am well looked after and hope in the near future to be home with you again," added Gnr. Hughes, who dictated the letter to an orderly as he was unable to write himself.

An old boy of St. George's School, Gnr. Hughes joined the Territorials in April, 1939.

### WOUNDED AND CAPTURED

L/Bdr. Laurie Grey, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Grey, formerly of Bay View-road, Broadstairs, who was recently reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

His parents have since heard that he is wounded and is in hospital at Korkinia.

An old boy of St. Lawrence School, Ramsgate, L/Bdr. Grey joined the Territorial Army in 1938 and after service in this country was posted to the Middle East.

### NO TOOTH PASTE IN ITALY

An old boy of Hereson School, Ramsgate, Rflmn. D. Boon, of Percy-road, who is a prisoner of war in Italy, has written home to ask for a tooth brush and tooth paste as they are unobtainable in his prison camp at Sulmona in the province of Aquilla.

"Of course," he wrote to his guardian, Mrs. Merser, "I am looking forward eagerly to the time when we come home, which should not be very long hence."

Mr. A. S. Beesley, Chief Constable of Folkestone, has resigned.


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## A YEAR AGO

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, saw some of the fiercest air fights of the war when he visited the south-east coast on Wednesday. He watched the aerial battles over Dover and inspected the wreckage of a Messerschmitt which crashed in flames. At Ramsgate, which was also raided during the day, the Premier inspected the shelter arrangements and, smiling cheerfully at an A.R.P. warden, said "Keep your pecker up." Just as he was about to enter the tunnel, accompanied by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Prime Minister lighted a large cigar. "No smoking down here, sir," remarked the Mayor. "All right," replied Mr. Churchill, stamping the cigar out, "there goes a good one."

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At Margate police court John Raymond Fasham, aged 20, of Fleete Farm, Margate, was presented with a certificate and a cheque by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. Mr. Fasham was awakened by the roar of an aeroplane engine and, dashing out, found a plane had crashed in the back garden. He saw two members of the crew, one with his clothing in flames, trying to get out of the machine. He helped one of them out and extinguished the fire in his clothes. Learning that another man was still in the plane, Mr. Fasham went towards it but the petrol tank exploded and the fire became worse. All the time bullets were exploding.

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In a raid on a south-east coast town on Wednesday damage was done to nine public-houses, several restaurants, a number of shops and a terrace of private houses. Broken glass and splinters littered the streets but there was only one casualty, apart from a pigeon killed, the proprietor of an hotel sustaining a fractured arm. The attack was made by a squadron of 24 German bombers flying in formation.

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An Admiralty communiqué paid tribute to the exploit of H.M. Arctic Trapper in bringing down at least two raiders on 24th August. The Arctic Trapper was machine-gunned by fighters escorting German bombers but there were no casualties.

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Twenty sheep were killed when a lone German raider dropped ten incendiary bombs over open ground near a south-east village in the early hours of Friday morning.

The new beer approved by the Control Board and available for consumption upon licensed premises at any hour of the day made its first appearance in Ramsgate this week. As an experiment our special commissioner was sent out to sample it. Returning in a state of hopeless sobriety he reported that "it looks like beer, it tastes like beer, but it does not feel like beer." He decided that he preferred to wait until the clock struck 12.

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"We are fighting to uphold the rights of small nations and place them upon an unassailable foundation, and to do that we have once and for all to crush Prussian militarism."—Mr. Alfred Moir, speaking at Ramsgate.

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The Isle of Thanet Board of Guardians strongly criticised the system under which soldiers suffering from mental derangement, as a result of shell-shock, were classed as pauper lunatics.

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An Order in Council which came into operation yesterday gravely affects the position of motor char-a-banc firms trading at Ramsgate and incidentally terminated the innocent joy-rides of thousands of holidaymakers. The regulation provided that on and after 1st September motor spirit shall not be used for the purpose of char-a-banc or other like vehicles on an excursion trip.

## 25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The rumours that have been prevalent for some weeks past in reference to St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, are justified by the announcement now made that the fine range of buildings are being taken over by the Canadian Red Cross authorities for the remainder of the war. For several months the Canadians have had the idea of taking the college, with its spacious grounds, farm, laundry and workshops, and one prominent officer long ago set his heart upon obtaining the consent of the higher authorities to the acquisition of the premises.

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Another new county magistrate has been appointed in the person of Mr. J. Newling, of Brockley Dene, Broadstairs. For 31 years Mr. Newling was a member of the Pier and Harbour Commission, and for 29 of them was regularly elected chairman of that body. For nine years he was an Overseer of the Poor and for another nine years was a member of the Local Board until it was raised to the status of an urban district council. For more than 17 years he has represented Broadstairs and St. Peter's on the Isle of Thanet Board of Guardians and he founded the Broadstairs old people's tea and entertainment over 20 years ago.

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Thanet this week experienced an unusual downpour of rain of a remarkably unusual character for the period of the year. Beginning on Tuesday, the rain continued almost incessantly until Wednesday evening and throughout that time the sun was not once seen. At times the downpour was accompanied by a strong wind, which towards the evening became distinctly chilly. The rainfall for a period of 48 hours amounted to just over an inch and a quarter. In round figures this means, writes our mathematical expert, that close on 300,000 tons of water fell in the borough in those two days. Harvesting operations were seriously interfered with and in the hop district at Minster considerable damage was suffered. In spite of the weather, people were in a cheerful frame of mind, and news from Rotterdam does, in fact, tend to show that it is often an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

## 50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THREE CALLIS COURTS

Miss Emily Simmons wrote to the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board to say that her house had borne the name of Callis Court for many years and was well known in the neighbourhood. She had, however, recently found to her great surprise that the owner of a much more pretentious house had adopted the same name for his place. She had had no communication of any sort from the owner of the new house on the subject, and felt that she had been treated with great discourtesy in the matter. If the Board had any control over the nomenclature of houses and places in the district she would be glad if they would use their influence in the matter. A desultory conversation ensued in the course of which it was stated that there were at present two houses known as Callis Court (Callis Court and Callis Court Grange), while Mr. Marks' new house would make a third. The Board decided they had nothing to do with the matter.

### DUMPTON GAP SHOCKED

A report was received from the Kent County Constabulary to the effect that when on duty on Broadstairs footpath a constable saw a man bathing at Dumpton Gap minus the costume required on such occasions. A number of ladies and children were about at the time. The Local Board decided to caution the man on this occasion.

### WHY THEY LEFT HOME

The Canterbury police were on Sunday successful in tracing and handing over to their parents two girls who had been missing from Ramsgate for upwards of a fortnight. The eldest was ten years old and states that they left home to avoid an anticipated whipping. They had been sleeping in the open air and in outhouses ever since.

### QUEUES FOR HORSE BRAKES

The brakes between Ramsgate and Broadstairs continue to be exceedingly well patronised. Wet or cloudy, people will wait in queues for the pleasant drive between the two towns, and very often the scramble is very amusing. The two things which apparently entertain visitors more than anything else are the concerts on the top seats, and the urchins (to be counted by the dozen) who turn somersaults behind the brakes en route.


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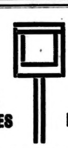

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## MR. ARTHUR WYLES

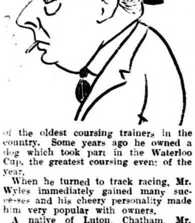
### GREYHOUND TRAINER'S DEATH

Followers of greyhound racing in Thanet will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Arthur Wyles, at the age of 61.

Mr. Wyles had been living at Maidstone-road, Chatham, and the funeral took place at Chatham Cemetery.

Since the track was opened in 1928 Mr. Wyles had been a trainer at Dumpton and on the departure after a few seasons of Mr. Frank Dandridge was successful in getting more winners past the post than any of his colleagues.

As a young man Mr. Wyles became interested in coursing and he was one



of the oldest coursing trainers in the country. Some years ago he owned a dog which took part in the Waterloo Cup, the greatest coursing event of the year.

When he turned to track racing, Mr. Wyles immediately gained many successes and his cheery personality made him very popular with owners.

A native of Luton, Chatham, Mr. Wyles was for about ten years a director of the old Chatham Football Club during the time Chatham played in the Southern League competition. He never missed a home match and most times accompanied the team when they went away.

Mr. Wyles was a widower, his wife having predeceased him about ten years ago, while his only daughter passed away only a fortnight before him.

## HOW BRITAIN IS WINNING

### FREE FILM SHOW AT RAMSGATE

Whatever may have been its shortcomings in other directions, film publicity has been one of the outstanding successes achieved by the Ministry of Information No finer films have been produced since the outbreak of the conflict than those dealing with different aspects of the country's war-time efforts.

One of the latest productions sponsored by the Ministry, "How Britain is Winning the War," will be included in a programme to be presented at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow evening.

Admission will be free but children must be accompanied by adults.

## BELIEVED PRISONER

### OLD RUYMIAN REPORTED MISSING

Reported missing on 14th August, Sergt.-Obsr. J. B. Ll. Bunce, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ll. Bunce, formerly of High-street, Ramsgate, is believed to be a prisoner of war.

An old boy of Chatham House School, and a leading member of the Ramsgate Swimming Club, S/O Jack Bunce adopted teaching as his profession before joining the R.A.F. Twenty-seven years of age, he has taken part in many air operations over Germany.

Married, he has a baby daughter whom he recently saw when on leave, and his wife is at present staying with her parents at Broadstairs.

### CHU CHIN CHOW REVIVED

The revival of Oscar Asche's "Chu Chin Chow" at the Palace Theatre, London, quickly transfers appreciative audiences to the colourful scenes of the East by the rising of the curtain on the entrance of "Mr. Jetsam" (Malcolm McEachern), whose excellent portrayal of Kasim Baba's Steward, Abdullah, is outstanding.

Lyn Harding comes up to the highest expectations as the calm and terrible tyrant Abu Hasan, alias Chu Chin Chow, and is ably supported by Peter Bennett as Kasim Baba; Kay Bourne, who has various opportunities of displaying her vocal abilities as Kasim Baba's wife, and Jerry Verno, whose admirable performance as the jovial drunkard, Ali Baba, brings hearty applause from the audience. Julie Suedo is sufficiently tragic, and enters fully into the spirit of the slinking slave-girl, while Dorothy Vernon replaces Miss Sydney Fairbrother in the original role of Ali Baba's hag-like wife in exactly the right manner. The necessary sentimentalism is provided by the brilliant singing of the love-duets by Noel Leyland, as Ali Baba's son, and Marjorie Browne as Marjanah the "desert flower."

The full cast act and sing wholeheartedly, and the entire Oriental fantasy is intensely captivating, including as it does such never-to-be-forgotten songs as "Any Time is Kissing Time," "The Cobbler's Song," and "The Robbers' Chorus," the quality and rendering of which are alone worthy of such a handsome revival.

Representatives selected by the Thanet Trades Council to serve on the local Food Control Committees are: Ramsgate—Mr. D. M. Hughes; Margate—Mr. T. W. Eden; Broadstairs—Mr. W. C. Jarvis.

## DIVIDED DINNERS

### AUXILIARY FIREMAN FINED

A member of the Margate Auxiliary Fire Service who was stated to have divided up a number of free dinners and sold the balance was fined £5 at Margate police court on Wednesday for stealing food belonging to the Corporation.

Defendant was Norman White, of Trinity-square, Margate, and he pleaded not guilty.

Mr. G. Simmonds, Deputy Town Clerk, who prosecuted, said some civil defence personnel were entitled to a free meal on certain days. The meals were taken from the central kitchen to the depots in a canteen van by White, who was allowed to take orders for dinners at a shilling each from other personnel not entitled to free meals and deliver them at the same time. The money was paid to White, and it was his duty to account for it to the kitchen superintendent.

On 18th August six free meals were ordered for the personnel at Woodford House, Birchington, but no paid meals, and White was given a container with six free meals in it. One paid meal had, in fact, been ordered, but White had not given the order to the superintendent. It was alleged that when he reached the depot he divided the six meals into seven portions, one portion being given to Mr. Priest, who had ordered a meal and paid a shilling for it, which was never accounted for to the Corporation.

**Under Observation.**

Mr. Simmonds said White had been under observation for some time and on 20th August he was interviewed by the Deputy Borough Treasurer, the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. J. E. Saxby, the catering supervisor. He at first denied that Mr. Priest had ordered and paid for a dinner, but subsequently admitted that he did and said "It is only like a milkman who has a number of gallons of milk a day. He accounts for all that number and makes a bob or two for himself out of it."

In addition to the theft of the food there was fraudulent conversion of money received on behalf of the Corporation. There was no doubt that that had been going on for some time, and it was a particularly mean offence.

"What he has done in effect," said Mr. Simmonds, "is to rob civil defence workers of a portion of the food to which they are entitled and then sold it to an innocent third party and kept the proceeds. In the past he has been generously treated by the Chief Officer, which makes the position worse. It is only fair to say that prior to this discovery White's record in the fire service was a good one."

Evidence in support of the charge was given by Thomas Howard, catering manager to the Corporation, Albert Priest, a coastguard, of Canterbury-road, Birchington, and Ernest Wild, Deputy Borough Treasurer.

**Seriously Injured.**

Mr. A. E. Twyman, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, said White joined the A.F.S. in 1937 and was engaged as a full-time member in August, 1939. In the following month he was seriously injured when an iron door fell on him and he was sick for 13 weeks. When it was reported that he could do light duty he was placed in charge of the stores and had carried out his work very well. At a recent stocktaking everything was found in order. Acting on the instructions of the Emergency Committee, witness suspended him on the previous Thursday. He had been doing duty as canteen driver since meals were introduced in June, 1940.

White told the magistrates that on 18th August he received dinners for five stations and at one of them the men refused to have the sweet. Mr. Priest ordered a dinner for that day but he forgot to take it. When he arrived at Woodford House he told him he had not brought one for him but would let him have what was left—a few vegetables and gravy. He gave them to him outside his house and did not receive any money.

Asked to whom the food left over belonged, defendant said it was a difficult question, because the food taken back was placed in the swill tub. Some men had smaller dinners than others.

Mr. Simmonds: You admitted that you had made up dinners from the rations of the men and sold them?—Yes.

The Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): That is the charge.

Defendant: The charge is for the 18th August.

The Clerk; That is just one day. You admitted you were doing it as a practise.

Defendant: I wouldn't say it was a practise.

In reply to the Clerk defendant said "I am accused now of taking the men's rations. That is a thing I have never done. In the course of serving dinners I have got to know just how much potato and cabbage each man has. If a man wants a small dinner or a large dinner he has it."

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant, a Margate man, came of very respectable people and was married.

After the magistrates' decision had been announced the Chief Constable said White was almost certain to be discharged from the fire service.

## *NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE*

***Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," with a view to publication, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.***

***News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.***

***The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.***

***The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.***

### COUNCIL EMPLOYEE MISSING

Son of Mr. A. V. Whatmore, who was for many years road foreman to Broadstairs Council, Gnr. Gilbert Whatmore, R.A., is reported missing while on active service in the Middle East.

Like his father, Gnr. Whatmore was also employed by the Council before he was mobilised with the Territorials.

# THEY WENT TO DUNKIRK

## PRESENTATION TO RAMSGATE LIFEBOAT CREW

**"We who have read your tale of duty, fearlessly performed, feel ourselves inadequate to praise you. We have eyes to wonder but lack tongues to praise."**

This tribute to Coxswain Howard Knight, D.S.M., and the crew of the Ramsgate lifeboat Prudential, which was responsible for the evacuation of 2,800 Allied soldiers from the beaches at Dunkirk, was paid by Mr. H. E. Boisseau, of the Prudential Assurance Co., in making presentations to the crew at Mockridge's Restaurant on Wednesday.

After each of the nine men had been presented with a specially engraved plaque to commemorate his service, together with a cheque, Coxswain Knight summed up the feelings of the crew when he said "There is only one thing I can say—we just did our duty."

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who presided at a luncheon which preceded the presentation, was supported by Mr. Boisseau, Mr. P. Moore, M.C., Divisional Inspector, Mr. L. E. Morris, Divisional Controller, and Mr. B. Woolley, Ramsgate Superintendent, Prudential Assurance Co., Capt. Howard, R.N., Comdr. R. S. Hewlett, R.N. (retd.), Comdr. Michelmore, District Inspector, R.N.L.I., Comdr. H. J. Maynard, Ramsgate Harbour Master, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Mr. T. Dutton, hon. secretary of the Ramsgate branch, R.N.L.I., and Mrs. Dutton, hon. secretary of the local Ladies' Guild.

Welcoming the company, the Mayor said the people of Ramsgate would not flinch, come what may, and they were confident that the country would win through.

**Sister Service.**

Proposing the toast of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Mr. Moore said a famous Admiral of the last war, Sir Doveton Sturdee, victor of the Battle of the Faulkland Islands, called the lifeboats a "sister service to the Navy." In the past 23 months of war the lifeboats had been a sister service not only to the Navy but to the Army and the Air Force, and had won the gratitude and admiration of all three by the notable help they had given to the services while continuing their single aim of saving life.

The greatest of their many services to the fighting forces was in their epic work off Dunkirk. The Admiralty described the evacuation of over 300,000 troops from Dunkirk, under concentrated attack by land, sea and air, as the most extensive and difficult operation in naval history.

Two of the institution's 19 lifeboats which took part, those of Ramsgate and Margate, went straight to Dunkirk manned by their own crews. The Ramsgate boat was on service for 40 hours and helped to bring off 2,800 men. The Margate boat was out for over 21 hours and remained until up and down the beach the coxswain could not see a boat left afloat. She eventually returned to her station, having brought off 600 men. Both the Ramsgate and Margate coxswains received the Distinguished Service Medal.

The Admiralty had paid eloquent tribute to the work of the lifeboats, in a letter to the institution which read: "The services of the lifeboats have been given in foul weather, high seas and bitter cold with an exemplary spirit of courage and endurance, in which, without fear or thought of self, the lifeboatmen have never spared their strength or skill in helping their brother sailors in distress from the dangers of the sea and the violence of the enemy. In a long and great tradition the calls on their seamanship and hardihood have never been so heavy or so gladly answered."

The lifeboatmen to whom plaques were presented were (back row) E. Cooper, E. Attwood (motor mechanic), A. Liddle, J. Hawkes, T. Goldfinch and (front row) C. Knight (aged 70), A. Moody (acting second coxswain), H. Knight, D.S.M. (coxswain) and T. Read (assistant motor mechanic).

**A Life Saved Every Four Hours.**

From the outbreak of war up to date lifeboats had been launched 1,981 times and had rescued 4,038 lives, an average of 39 lives every week, or a life rescued every four hours since the war began.

Responding to the toast, Comdr. Michelmore said that during the past 24 months the institution's boats had performed more work than in any similar period. It was now nearly 16 years since the Prudential was given to the institution and the town of Ramsgate, and it was only through the generosity of people in making such gifts that the good work of the institution was carried on. Since the war began they had had heavy losses.

Referring to the manning of the lifeboats, Comdr. Michelmore said many of the younger members of the crews were in the Royal Naval Reserve and had either volunteered or been called up for service with the Forces. As a result they had had to call on older men, some of whom had left the crews years ago.

**Since the war the Ramsgate lifeboat had been launched 61 times and had rescued 168 lives, excluding the work at Dunkirk.**

**Honourable Scars of Battle.**

Recalling the circumstances in which the Ramsgate lifeboat was presented to the town in 1926, when the harbour and ships were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, Mr. Boisseau said that day the picture was a very different one. There were no spectators, no bunting, and no band. The only decorations Ramsgate wore were the honourable scars of battle, and it was the human and not the official side of the ceremony which he wished to emphasise.

"For brave men there can be no greater reward than the consciousness that they have done their duty," said Mr. Boisseau. "As a poet put it two thousand years ago, 'Heaven's gate opens to men of deathless worth.' We who have read your tale of duty fearlessly performed, feel ourselves inadequate to praise you. We have eyes to wonder but lack tongues to praise. But we felt an overwhelming urge to mark in some way the memorable exploit of the Prudential lifeboat and its crew. We know often that symbols can express feelings which do not come readily to the tongue. And in that spirit we offer to each member of the crew a token of our admiration of what he did at Dunkirk."

In a brief and dispassionate sentence, added Mr. Boisseau, the plaques recorded the journeys they made, under continuous bombing and shell-fire, to bring troops to England and to safety. In the days to come what tribute would be finer than "He was at Dunkirk."

**Always on the Spot.**

The war was not over and each day brought its duties and its perils. Each had his part to play, old and young, men, women and children, the sailor, the soldier and the airman, and each bore the responsibility of standing firm whatever his task and whatever the trials which might face them. They believed that whatever might come, they would prove worthy of their British heritage. They had but to know the story of the saving of their men at Dunkirk, and the part which the lifeboatmen played in it, to feel strengthened in their resolve that the Nazi rulers of Germany should not prevail against them.

Coxswain Knight said they were asked to go to Dunkirk, and they did not refuse. No doubt when the company gave the boat they never thought she would be called upon to undertake such an errand. In the past they had no doubt been proud of the boat but they could now be prouder still of the men who manned her. They could always be depended upon when the call came to go out. "We do not jib—we go," he added. "No matter how hard it blows, you will always find us on the spot."

## THIS ENGLAND

### DRAMA AND ROMANCE AT KING'S

The dramatic and the romantic are blended in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Heading the bill for to-day and tomorrow is "This England," the profits from which are being devoted to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, of which Mrs. A. Deane, of Chatham-place, is the local honorary secretary.

With a strong cast headed by Emlyn Williams, John Clements and Constance Cummings, the film tells the story of John Rooksby and of his farm at Claverly Down, where for hundreds of years the people have lived and worked and fought for their freedom, much as they do to-day. Through the mists the story of the village from Norman times is unfolded.

Also being screened is "Secret Evidence," with Charles Quigley and Marjorie Reynolds.

Music, mountain scenery, the bounding vitality of youth, and the hilarious story of a burlesque singer who discovered that she could be too tough for her own good, "Magic in Music" will be the chief feature for the second half of the week. Susanna Foster, the golden-singing discovery of "The Great Victor Herbert," bids for stardom in her own right. Her part is a fully-fledged one in which she carries the principal dramatic burden of the story, and sings as well in both classical and popular vein. A big caste includes Allan Jones, Margaret Lindsay and Lynne Overman.

There is plenty of action in "Silver Sands," with Charles Starrett and Iris Meredith, which will also be shown.

## SERGT.-PILOT W. R. FISHER

### OLD ST. GEORGIAN MISSING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fisher, formerly of Glenmead, London-road, Ramsgate, now living at Luton, Beds., Sergt.-Pilot William Royston Fisher, R.A.F., is reported as missing from 20th August.

Twenty years of age, Sergt.-Pilot Fisher attended St. George's School and on leaving was engaged in the accountancy department at Ramsgate Olympia.

Joining the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in July, 1940, Sergt.-Pilot Fisher had taken part in many operations over enemy-occupied territory.

## FEEDING FACILITIES

### TRADES COUNCIL DISSATISFIED

At the monthly meeting of the Isle Thanet Trades Council, held at Ramsgate, the secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, reported that no further developments had taken place regarding the provision of communal feeding facilities in the area.

Mr. Hughes stated as his belief that the authorities were definitely evading the request of the Trades Council for the provision of later meals for manual workers while being prepared to extend the facilities for non-manual workers.

Severe criticism was expressed in the discussion that followed and the secretary was instructed to submit a detailed report to the national body.

Full support was given to action taken with a view to obtaining supplementary rations of cheese and tea for employees of Local Government bodies engaged in rural road work and men employed by the Catchment and Drainage Board.

It was stated that these men were often employed many miles from their homes, which necessitated packing their mid-day meal for at least five days of the week, and that although they had no canteen or restaurant facilities they did not enjoy the benefits of the supplementary rations granted to agricultural workers, whose work differed little from theirs.

### ON HER WAY TO SHELTER

When Mrs. Margaret Camm, of Victoria-avenue, Westgate, was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday for permitting a light to show on the evening of 13th August, W/R Norman said he saw a light coming from a downstairs window of defendant's house.

The officer said Mrs. Camm told him she had gone to the room for her overcoat before going to the shelter, which she did every night. When defendant came to the door she had in her hand a candle, which was still smouldering.

In a letter to the court defendant said she had no means to pay a fine as she was living only on a small pittance.

In view of the circumstances the chairman (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that the case would be dismissed.

## RATE PAYMENTS

### HELP FOR THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

The rating authority at Ramsgate is doing everything possible to help people whose circumstances have been adversely affected by the war to meet their rate obligations, but unfortunately there is still quite a big percentage who will not do anything to help themselves.

Many properties in Ramsgate are let at a rental which includes rates and where owners are experiencing difficulty in collecting money due to them the rating authority has endeavoured to alleviate any hardship by calling for payment only of an amount commensurate with the rent actually collected.

In many cases very considerable reductions have been granted where people have been able to show that their income has been reduced or their obligations increased as a result of the war.

The rating authority, obviously, can only agree to a reduction on an examination of the facts of each case and it is in the interests of those who have not already done so, and who have been unable to meet their rate demands, to place their case before the Rating and Valuation Officer at Clarendon House.

Where no approach has been made to the Rating Officer and where no payment has been made the officer will be bound to to take steps to recover the amount due from them.

The moratorium protects only those people who have evacuated from the district but in all cases of genuine hardship the rating authority are happy to accept a reasonable payment in full settlement of the rate demand.

For people who have evacuated and whose houses are being used only as a store for their furniture, the rating authority is prepared to accept one-third of the normal rates in final settlement.

### VISCOUNT KNOLLYS' NEW POST

Viscount Knollys, who has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, has been succeeded as Deputy Regional Commissioner for the South-Eastern Region by Mr. Arthur George Bottomley.

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

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(b) To buy a Savings Certificate at a Post Office or Trustee Savings Bank when there is 15/- worth of stamps in the book.
(c) To buy a 3% Defence Bond at a Post Office or Trustee Savings Bank when there is £5 worth of stamps in the book.

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Get in touch with the Hon. Secretary of your Local Savings Committee. Your Post Office will tell you his address.

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## SAVING MORE

### RAMSGATE GROUPS GO AHEAD

Ramsgate is now well on the way to becoming "savings minded."

The summer savings campaign is in full swing and the groups, which are increasing in number each week, are doing excellent work.

For example, the National Fire Service group, of which Mrs. N. F. Staynes is hon. secretary, was collecting £11 a week at the beginning of July. Last week they collected £50. Similarly the Borough Police group, for which Inspr. Bartlett is responsible, has increased its weekly savings from £4 to £18 a week.

Among other groups which have made excellent progress are South Eastern-road (Mr. T. B. H. Tisdell), from a few shillings to over £8 a week; Victoria-road (Mr. E. R. Hayward), from 7s. 6d. a week to over £4 a week; Dee-an-Ess, from £3 to £9 a week.

The Addington-street group, for which Mr. W. P. Sanders is responsible, made a special effort and saved no less a sum than £40 in the first week.

The membership of the Margate-road group has now reached the 50 mark and that of the National Fire Service 150.

**Group Secretaries Meet.**

The interest in the campaign was shown by the attendance of over 30 group secretaries at a meeting held at the Selling Centre and Advice Bureau, King-street, on Wednesday.

Councillor W. Hawkins presided, supported by the joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. E. Wright and S. H. Winter, and the groups represented were: Victoria-road, National Fire Service, Co-operative Society, Crescent-road, St. Mildred's-road, Dee-an-Ess, County Laundry, St. Lawrence Laundry, Manston-road, Newington, South Eastern-road, Brockenhurst-road, Addington-street, Estate House, Southern Railway, Margate-road, Salvation Army, Plains of Waterloo, "East Kent Times," Ramsgate Borough Police, Ramsgate A.R.P., James Wright (Ramsgate) Ltd., Banks and Building Society, and Ramsgate Food Control.

The campaign generally was reviewed and it was reported that 16 new groups had been formed, all of which were showing steadily increasing figures, and the groups already in existence at the start of the campaign had increased their membership and were making greater savings.

Plans for carrying on the campaign throughout the winter were mentioned and the holding of a "Warship Week" at Ramsgate was foreshadowed.

It was announced that owing to the shorter evenings it would be necessary to curtail the hours of opening the Selling Centre, which from 1st September will be as follows: Mondays, 6.30-7.30; Fridays, 6-7.30; Saturdays, 3-5.

**Ward Progress at Margate.**

At a meeting at Margate last week in connection with the summer savings campaign it was reported that 64 groups had been affiliated, with more in the process of formation, and that over a thousand new members had been registered.

By the end of September it is anticipated that the aim of 100 groups will have been reached.

Encouraging reports were presented by the secretaries of the various ward groups, and it was stated that house to house visits had been made in eight of the ten wards, the Cecil and Pier wards having yet to be canvassed.

A large graph indicating the progress of the campaign is to be erected outside the Savings Office in Cecil Square.

### FIRE SERVICE SAVINGS

In a special effort during the week ending 23rd August the savings of the National Fire Service Group at Ramsgate reached the peak figure of £50.

At the first of a series of whist drives organised by the group, which was held at the Lillian-road Station on Tuesday, the first prize was, appropriately enough, won by Mrs. N. F. Staynes, the enthusiastic group secretary. All the prizes consisted of savings certificates or stamps and other winners included Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Preston, Mrs. Griggs, Mr. Bootes and Mrs. Allen. Station Officer Brill acted as M.C.

The next drive will be held on 8th September.

## HIS FIRST SHIP

### MARTIN FAGG REPORTED MISSING

On his first voyage after completing four years' apprenticeship to qualify as a naval engine-room artificer, Martin Fagg, aged 19 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fagg, of 32 Upton-road, Broadstairs, is reported missing, presumed killed.

Only recently he wrote home to say how pleased he was that he had been posted to his first ship.

Fagg attended Broadstairs Council School and afterwards won a scholarship to St. George's, Ramsgate. He is the youngest of three brothers. His brother Arthur, who was formerly in the service of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council, and later the Kent County Council, is serving with the Royal Artillery, and his brother Stephen is serving with the Royal Navy.

Mr. Fagg, who is a member of a first-aid detachment at Broadstairs, has been for many years a member of the choir at the Parish Church, where Martin was a server.

## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

### BROADSTAIRS PRECAUTIONS

To ensure that water may be readily available for use by members of the Fire Guard or the general public in combating fires at unoccupied premises, two four-gallon army petrol tins containing water have been placed by Broadstairs Council in close proximity to each fire hydrant in the district.

Where the tins would cause obstruction of the footpath they have been placed in the nearest available recess—in a few cases this is on the opposite side of the road—and residents are asked to familiarise themselves with the positions of the tins in their vicinity and to assist in keeping them filled with water.

The fire hydrants are easily distinguishable by the familiar plate bearing the letter H fixed to the wall or fence. Near them are the tins.

## IN HIS WALLET

### SOUTH AFRICAN BANK NOTES

A remand in custody for a week was ordered at Margate police court on Wednesday when Alfred Edward Warren, aged 17, of All Saints'-road, was charged with breaking and entering Greyfriars, Sea-road, Westgate, the previous day and stealing three South African bank notes, the property of Mr. Wesley Lambert, C.B.E.

D/C Tinson said that at 9 p.m. the previous day he saw Warren in a Margate billiards hall and took him to the police station. When asked to account for his movements he denied having been near Greyfriars but admitted that he was at Westgate. Defendant was searched and in his wallet were found the notes. Warren said "A Welshman gave them to me on a job I was on," but he later admitted that he took them from a house on Westgate seafront. When charged with breaking and entering the house he said "That's correct."

### LOSS TO MARGATE CHURCH LIFE

The funeral took place at Margate last week of Mr. Ernest Alfred Hopper, of Ethelbert-gardens, Margate, who passed away at the age of 63.

In his younger days Mr. Hopper was prominently associated with church life in Holy Trinity parish and subsequently in the parish of St. Paul. For many years up to the time of his death he was a sidesman at St. Paul's.

At a service at St. Paul's Church, which preceded the interment, the Rev. T. Jarman, a cousin of Mr. Hopper, said Margate would be the poorer by his passing. Truly it could be said of him that he was a Christian in word and deed.

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# Dean Officiates

## AT WEDDING OF MISS BING

The Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Hewlett Johnson) officiated at the wedding at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday of Mr. Humphrey Beresford Fitzherbert, of Torwood, Fitzroy-avenue, Kingsgate, son of the late Rev. J. Fitzherbert, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, to his former housekeeper, Miss Winifred Ivy Bing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bing, of Trinity-square, Reading Street.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Hughes, wore a black dress with pink facings, a picture hat, and carried a spray of pink carnations.

A reception was afterwards held at Torwood.

## TWO GREAT FILMS

### MAJOR BARBARA AND REBECCA AT ODEON

Claimed as greater even than "Pygmalion," the screen version of Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara" is being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Wendy Hiller, whose remarkable performance as the flower-girl-cum-duchess in "Pygmalion" created a two-continent sensation, is cast as the Salvation Army major who, although her father is a millionaire, devotes her life to succouring and preaching to the poor in a drab dockside charity shelter. Rex Harrison, as Adolphus Cusins, a penniless professor of Greek, falls in love with Major Barbara as she is delivering a touching oration to a dockside crowd. In order to foster their friendship he agrees to join the Salvation Army, professing belief in their religion. Their romance is skilfully interwoven with the rest of the plot which revolves mostly around Barbara's father (Robert Morley), a money-worshipping, and yet strangely charming, armaments manufacturer who tries to convert Barbara to his views.

Based on the popular best-selling Daphne du Maurier novel, "Rebecca" will be the chief feature for the second half of the week. Heading the big cast are Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. Olivier is cast as Maxim de Winter, a prominent society man who is famous for his vast Tudor estate called Manderley. To this house he brings his second wife, played by Miss Fontaine, a shy and unsophisticated woman who can hardly be compared to the brilliant and glittering former mistress of Manderley, Rebecca, now dead. But though Rebecca is dead, her forceful personality and dramatic beauty still continue to dominate Manderley and to haunt the lives of those who wander through its immense rooms. The film adaptation has been hailed as one of the year's best pictures.

## GARMENTS FOR RAID VICTIMS

When the first working party arranged by the Ramsgate W.V.S. was held last week at Norland House, High-street, Lady Hambro, Regional Organiser, Mrs. Blinko and the Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) were present to wish the enterprise success.

Material is provided free and Mrs. L. Kempe has promised to cut out the garments which, when made, will be collected by the Mayoress and sent to the central distributing depot for the use of air raid victims in any town where they are needed.

Any women who would like to help in the work will be welcome at Norland House on Thursdays from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring needle, cotton and thimble.

## A.T.C. REGIONAL COMMANDANT

Sqdn./Ldr. C. F. Gordon, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., has been appointed Regional Commandant of the A.T.C. for the South-East of England with the rank of Wing Commander.


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# CHURCH HALL HIT

## SAFE IN SHELTER, FAMILIES UNHARMED IN NIGHT RAID

**Although one bomb dropped only 20 yards from a shelter and large kerbstones which were hurled through the air landed on the roof, there was not a single casualty when two adjoining south-east coast towns were attacked by Nazi raiders on Tuesday night.**

A direct hit was scored on a church hall, which was damaged in a daylight raid about a year previously. The roof and front wall were demolished, leaving the stage, complete with piano and chairs, open to the street. The debris was decorated by strings of flags which had adorned the hall.

The extension to the hall, which was repaired after the earlier raid, was also badly damaged.

A number of houses in the vicinity were damaged by blast but the majority of the occupants had taken cover in a public shelter on ground opposite the hall. The concussion of the bomb which fell nearby was felt by those in the shelter and the falling debris beat a tattoo on the roof.

The wall and windows of the dining-room of an unoccupied private hotel were shattered when debris was hurled against them.

### On His Doorstep.

Mr. Ernest Gander, who lives with his wife and son in a flat adjoining the church hall, said:

"My wife and boy went across to the shelter as they always do when enemy planes are about, but I remained on the bed in the back room downstairs. The whole place shook when the bombs fell but the only ceiling which came down was in the passage. When I went out I found the passage at the side of the house and the front door were blocked with bricks and other debris, and I had to climb over the top to get out."

Mrs. Gander said her husband had stated that he would not go to shelter until bombs dropped on his doorstep!

Mrs. E. E. Baldock, whose flat was also damaged by blast, was visiting her mother in another part of the town at the time.

### Shopkeeper's Escape.

In the adjoining town bombs fell in a shopping thoroughfare but fortunately there was no one in the street at the time.

Mr. Alfred Howes, a shopkeeper, had a narrow escape.

"I was walking up the road to the next corner to see if there was anything about," he said, "when I heard a plane which seemed to be diving. I ran back with the intention of taking my wife to the shelter but just as I entered the shop and called to her I heard the bombs whistling down. My wife and son-in-law, Mr. Frank Burgess, were in a back room upstairs and threw themselves on the floor. I dropped down on the floor of the shop. Although the front windows were blown in and debris made holes in the roof we were not hurt."

Going outside afterwards Mr. Howes found that a bomb had exploded in front of the adjoining shop, belonging to Mr. Arthur Burchell. The shop had been closed for some time but contained some of the furniture from Mr. Burchell's house which was wrecked in a previous raid.

## PURE PURPOSE

### KEEPING THE WAR A CRUSADE

Commenting on the observance of Sunday next as a day of National Prayer to mark the second anniversary of our entry into the war, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, Rector of Holy Trinity, writes in the current issue of Broadstairs Church Magazine:

"We should at this time examine afresh the purposes for which we are fighting and be convinced that they are just and worthy. We must take care that our aims and our spirit do not deteriorate as the struggle continues and grows fiercer. As one of our generals has said, we must keep the war a crusade.

"It has been complained that there was nothing new in the eight peace aims published by President Roosevelt and our Prime Minister. Possibly not, but it was good to have them enunciated, both to influence the rest of the world and to purify our own motives and fortify our determination. And indeed as the same and increased demands continue to be made upon our self-sacrifice, courage and diligence we shall need such inspiration to enable us to endure. We do not need frequently to hear fresh aims put before us, but rather to keep constantly in view the single and pure purpose for which we entered the struggle. And also we can only pray if we are doing everything in our power to win the desired victory. Therefore we should also examine ourselves at this time with regard to our own conduct. Are we giving our utmost of service and self-denial, and that cheerfully?

### The Cost of Slackness.

"No one has the right to live in Britain now who is guilty of slackness or self-indulgence. He would be doing so at the cost of his fellow countrymen's lives. It may be age or infirmity are preventing some of us from giving much active work; if so we can at least make the more powerful and more exacting contribution of intercession.

"Again, on 21st September, we are asked to give thanks to Almighty God for the deliverance that He gave us in the great victory in the Air Battle of Britain a year ago. As we witness the power and fury of the onslaught that the enemy is now making upon the brave Russians, we realise more fully the suffering from which we were saved by those few gallant knights of the air. And we shall at the same time gladly contribute to the Air Force Benevolent Fund, for those of their number rendered needy by the war."

## IF YOU WANT ANY ONIONS

To ensure the reservation of your season's supply of 2 lbs. of onions you must register with your retailer this week.

The reservation is made by writing the name and address of the retailer who usually supplies you on the right and left hand portions of counterfoil 804 at the bottom of Page 27 of the general ration book (Page 25, children's book). Your own name and address should be written in the left hand portion of the counterfoil and the book taken to the retailer.

Failure to register means no onions.

War Office casualty lists announce that Pte. G. E. Carter, The Buffs, has died of wounds and that S/Sergt. C. A. R. Tucker, of the same regiment, is a prisoner of war.

# BROADSTAIRS

**Mackintosh Bathing.**—The conditions upon which "mackintosh" bathing has been permitted at Broadstairs were reported to the Council on Monday.

**Council Vacancy.**—Broadstairs Council on Monday decided to declare a vacancy in the Pierremont Ward, caused by the death of Mr. J. A. Forde.

**Sympathy.**—The sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the district has been extended to Mr. F. T. Ogilvie, of 50 Beacon-road, St. Peter's, in his serious illness.

**"Girls' Tank Gift.**—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, has acknowledged a gift of £2 5s. towards the purchase of tanks from "seven girls of Broadstairs Council School."

**St. Peter's Legacy.**—A legacy of £25 from the late Miss Alexander, of Edge End-road, Broadstairs, has been acknowledged by St. Peter's Parochial Church Council.

**Gas Diploma.**—Superintendent of the works department of Broadstairs Gas Co., Mr. A. E. Bendall, of Reading Street, has been awarded the diploma of the Institute of British Engineers.

**Mrs. Tomlin's Estate.**—Mrs. Edith Tomlin, widow of Mr. Latham Tomlin, of Dane Court, St. Peter's, who died on 7th June at Dorking, left estate valued at £45,444, with net personalty £42,961.

**Two Cookers for One.**—The quotation of Broadstairs Gas Co. to supply two secondhand cookers, in place of the present cooker at Pierremont Restaurant, at an inclusive cost of £38, has been accepted by the British Restaurants Committee.

**Good Companions' Birthday.**—To celebrate their first anniversary St. Peter's Good Companions held a birthday party at the Red House, at which they were joined by members of the Broadstairs Fellowship, following a service at St. Peter's Church.

**Prisoner of War.**—Formerly a chef at St. Peter's Court, Dvr. James Berry, R.A.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry, of Gladstone-road, Broadstairs, who was reported missing on 28th April, is now known to be a prisoner of war at Stalag XVIII A.

**Memorial Service.**—A memorial service to the late Mr. Frank White was held at the Vale Congregational Church, Broadstairs, last week. The Rev. W. Lomax McKenzie, who conducted the service, made reference to Mr. White's work as deacon of Salem Baptist Church.

**Reclaiming Derelict Land.**—Mr. F. H. Foster, B.Sc., son of Councillor F. Foster, of Broadstairs, is the executive officer of the War Agricultural Committee for the western area of Cheshire, where many hundred acres of derelict land have been reclaimed and brought under cultivation.

**Gas Undertaking Assessment.**—Broadstairs Council have agreed to adopt, for submission to the Assessment Committee, the recommendation of the special valuer that an assessment of £827 should be fixed in respect of Broadstairs Gas Undertaking for the rating years ended 31st March, 1940 and 1941 respectively.

**Cinema Rating.**—Sax Cinemas Ltd. have been informed by Broadstairs Council that if the Picture House is re-opened they will support any proposal which Sax Cinemas may make for the assessment of the premises to be fixed at £60 gross value, £48 rateable value as a war-time measure, and on the understanding that, after the experience of a few months, the company would, if necessary, supply the usual information as to takings.

**Rent Free Library.**—The appointment of Mrs. Helen Watts as a member of Broadstairs Library Committee, following the resignation of Councillor G. W. Lane, has been approved by the Kent Education Committee. Early action is to be taken to obtain accommodation more centrally situated for the Public Library, which is now temporarily established at Anderson's Cafe, Victoria-parade, the use of which was offered to the Council rent free by Mr. E. A. Anderson.

**Faithful Chorister.**—Expressing the sympathy of the parishioners of St. Andrew's, Reading Street, with Mrs. R. Pemble, of Beacon-road, St. Peter's, in her tragic bereavement, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith writes in the September issue of St. Peter's "News Sheet": "Mr. Pemble has been a very faithful member of our choir and it seems hard to realise that we shall see Bob no longer in the choir stalls. He was on duty when death came to him and St. Andrew's mourns the loss of one of her most faithful sons."

**Duty of Old and Young.**—Commenting on the fact that congregations at St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, have declined owing to the number of young members who have "joined up," the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith writes in the current issue of the parish "News Sheet": "May I say quite bluntly to those of you who remain in the district, old and young, that St. Andrew's expects you to do your duty and your duty is to be in God's House on God's Day if it is at all possible. If everyone in the village did their duty our congregation would be very different."

**An Active Trade Unionist.**—Mr. T. W. Eden, secretary of the Broadstairs branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, who has been elected vice-chairman of the Thanet Trades Council, has been appointed, as a representative of workmen in industry, a member of the Thanet, Dover and District War Pensions Committee and a special committee thereof which deals with cases arising under the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme. An authority on trade union affairs, Mr. Eden who served in the forces in the last war, is also an active officer of the Loyal Perseverance Lodge, M.U., Oddfellows, Broadstairs, and is hon. secretary of the juvenile section of the Canterbury district, M.U.

**Single-Handed Ministry.**—Thanking the parishioners of St. Peter's for their recent gift of a cheque for £75 the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith writes in the September "News Sheet": "Welcome as was the cheque, and I don't ever remember having one so large of my own, even more welcome is the knowledge that my efforts to cover so wide a field of action have your confidence and support. I do thank you very, very much and appreciate your toleration and endurance of the necessary shortcomings of a single-handed ministry. We have kept things going for the past year; with your help we shall be able to continue." Mr. Meredith, in addition to acting as vicar of St. Peter's, is priest-in-charge at St. Andrew's, Reading Street.

## ANCHOR DAY

### GOOD COLLECTION AT RAMSGATE

Saturday was Anchor Day at Ramsgate, the emblems sold being in aid of the British Sailors' Society.

Although there were only just over 20 collectors, they were between them responsible for the excellent total of £43 3s. 3½d.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Dyer, £1 1s. 7½d.; Mrs. Stevens, £2 3s.; Mrs. Reader, £1 12s.; Mrs. Couchman, £1 6s. 4½d.; Mrs. Targett, £4 13s. 9d.; P/O Powell, £5 7s. 5½d.; Miss Ryan, £2 3s. 7d.; Miss D. Meldrum, £2 17s. 2½d.; Miss Biggs, £1 7s. 9d.; Miss Le Gallais, £3 5s. 11d.; Mr. Britton, £2 7s. 3d.; Messrs. Vye and Son, 6s. 7½d.; Mr. C. G. Coote, £1 12s. 3½d.; Mrs. Smart, 6s. 7d.; Mr. King (shop), 8s. 7d.; Miss Gillett, £1 9s. 8½d.; Mrs. Kevan, £1 4s. 9½d.; Mr. Spotter, £1 15s. 11d.; Mrs. Flowerdew, £1 15s. 4½d.; Miss J. Meldrum, £1 13s. 3½d.; Miss J. Rose, £1 12s. 10½d.; Miss Austen, £2 1s. 11d.; Messrs. Ambers and Garnier, 15s. 9d.

Proceeds of the national postal auction, organised in aid of the Red Cross Agriculture Fund, are approximately £10,000.

# TWO PROMOTIONS

## RAMSGATE'S NEW ALDERMEN

The two vacancies on the aldermanic bench of Ramsgate Town Council, caused by the lapsing owing to non-attendance of Messrs. J. T. Huddlestone and A. Keen, were filled at a special meeting of the Council on Friday by the elevation of Councillors C. R. Woodhams and A. E. Petley.

There was keen competition for the honour, and the voting was as follows:

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| C. R. Woodhams ... ... | 7 |
| A. E. Petley ... ... | 6 |
| W. Hawkins ... ... | 5 |
| S. E. Austin ... ... | 4 |
| W. G. Love ... ... | 3 |
| Mrs. F. L. Dunn ... | 1 |

Alderman Woodhams entered the Council in November, 1937, and succeeded Alderman W. T. Smith as chairman of the Works Committee. He is a prominent member of the Ramsgate Bowling Club.

Alderman Petley, who was a former detective-sergeant in the Borough Police Force, entered the Council a year earlier than Alderman Woodhams. He is chairman of the Watch Committee and vice-chairman of the Air Raids Precautions Committee.

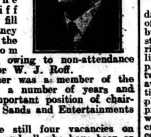
Alderman A. E. Petley.

Returning thanks following the election, Alderman Woodhams said he was glad the Council had not submitted to "outside intimidation."

Alderman Petley said both he and his father before him had served in the Ramsgate Police Force and he felt pride in having been elected to the aldermanic bench. He always believed in speaking his mind and he had endeavoured to carry out his duties in a fair manner.

# BACK TO HARNESS

## MR. P. TURNER AGAIN A COUNCILLOR



At a special meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Friday Mr. Percy Turner was elected as a representative of the East Cliff Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the lapsing from membership owing to non-attendance of Councillor W. J. Roff.

Mr. Turner was a member of the Council for a number of years and held the important position of chairman of the Sands and Entertainments Committee.

There are still four vacancies on the Council and all who have been or may be nominated by to-morrow are invited to attend a meeting of the Council in committee on Thursday in support of their candidature.

Those so far nominated include Messrs. J. B. Butler, H. Farmer, P. J. R. Home, G. E. Rose, D. J. R. Smith and Dr. A. Duffy.

The vacancies have been caused by the elevation to the aldermanic bench of Councillors T. W. Mockridge, C. Woodhams and A. E. Petley and the resignation from the Council of Councillor S. D. Pallin.

When Council in committee met on Wednesday they had before them the nominations of the six candidates mentioned above, together with that of Councillor Turner.

It was decided, pending the aldermanic election, which took place on Friday, as reported under a separate heading, to make a recommendation for the filling of only one of the vacancies.

The voting at the first ballot was Turner 8, Butler 5, Farmer and Duffy 2 each, Smith 1, Home and Rose 0.

At the second ballot, from which the other five names were omitted, Councillor Turner received 13 votes and Mr. Butler 5.

The meeting decided to recommend that Mr. Turner should be elected to fill the vacancy and that any further nominations received before to-morrow should be considered in conjunction with the nominations already received in filling the remaining vacancies.

At Friday's meeting the recommendations of Council in committee were adopted unanimously and without discussion.

## SHORT STAFFED

### BROADSTAIRS APPOINTMENT

The Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, having reported to the Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council on the difficulties which he is experiencing as a result of the inadequacy of his technical staff, Mr. W. J. Austen, of Abbotsley, Fair-street, has been appointed a temporary assistant in the department at £5 a week.

Mr. Austen, whose appointment dates from 13th August, will deal mainly with work in connection with air raid damage and with the salvage of goods and building materials.

Mr. A. B. Ghent, a pupil in the Surveyor's Department, has also been appointed temporary junior engineering assistant from 12th August at a salary of £2 a week.

## SPORTING P/C

### WEDS A.R.P. TELEPHONIST

A member of Margate police force, P/C Jack Gorden Overy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Overy, of 103 Chalkwell-road, Sittingbourne, was married at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, on Saturday, to Miss Lena Mary Bing, daughter of C/P/O S. W. Bing, R.N., and Mrs. Bing, of the Cabin, St. James Park-road, Garlinge.

The bride is a telephonist at Margate A.R.P. control centre. The bridegroom is well known in sporting circles at Sittingbourne and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge at St. Peter's, who played football with him at Milton Regis.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of heavy parchment embossed satin with veil and headdress of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of cream and red roses.

Miss Violet Crabtree, who attended her as bridesmaid, wore a jade green taffeta dress, trimmed with sprays of violets and carried a posy of anemones.

The bridegroom presented the bride with an opossum fur coat and the bridesmaid with a leather zipp writing case. The bride gave the bridegroom a gold cigarette case.

A reception was afterwards held at Harold Lodge, Cliftonville.

For the honeymoon, which is being spent at Richmond, the bride travelled in a flowered silk frock, opossum fur coat with petunia accessories.

## ATLANTIC CHARTER

### EIGHT POINTS IN TABLOID

As an aid to memory, the Rev. P. M. Townend, Vicar of Christ Church, Ramsgate, has condensed the eight-point joint declaration of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt into popular tabloid form.

Here is the form into which he suggests they can be condensed:

1. No grabbing
2. Choose your boundaries
3. Choose your government
4. Share the earth
5. Social co-operation
6. Emancipation from "fear" and "want"
7. Go where you will
8. Eliminate "force" (for realistic and spiritual reasons)

In the September issue of his parish magazine, Mr. Townend writes:

"The danger of the great improvement in the international situation is lest we should imagine that the journey is over and so rest by the way, in false confidence, before we get there. Does a runner slacken when he sees the goal? Or does he rather redouble effort for the final spurt?

"With full gratitude, and faithful following, we hail our Prime Minister and President Roosevelt for showing us the goal, so clearly defined in eight points: the Atlantic Charter. Now for the final spurt of redoubled effort which shall take us there! For we have to be there first in order to win the race.

"It is of paramount importance from now to the end that the eye be kept on this goal. This means that we must commit to memory the eight points in order that we may carry them continually in our mind. With them thus in mind, every endeavour made, whether of thinking or acting, whether of saying or opining, will command our whole energy as it is bent towards the accomplishment of these now publicly proclaimed aims."

## SPEEDING THE PLOUGH

### KEY TO THE FOOD SITUATION

For the third year in succession, Britain must turn to the plough to unlock the fertility stored in her long neglected acres. Something like another 2,000,000 acres of additional arable must be created, for the plough is the key to the food situation on the home front.

The idea that the plough and the dairy herd are enemies cannot be too often refuted. Even if we were still buying our pre-war supplies of feeding stuffs from abroad, it is the plough that rips up the old pasture, letting sunlight, air and health into the soil, preparing the way for new pasture at least twice as productive of milk as the average pre-war meadow. But in wartime the imports are not there and the plough is essential to maintaining milk production, for cows must be fed in winter as well as in summer. Arable crops from our own soil must be forthcoming to keep up the milk flow, even if they are to be supplemented this winter with a generous ration for the dairy herds.

But milk, unfortunately, is not the only commodity that competes for the produce of our farms. We must have wheat in still larger quantities, for it is the nation's staple food, and also provides a by-product for stock feeding. We need an even larger potato acreage, at least one-sixth more, for no other crop produces so much human food to the acre. As regards sugar beet, it would be folly not to use our well-equipped, modern beet sugar factories to their capacity, and this will mean another 55,000 acres of sugar beet. We have greatly increased our oat acreage. But demand for oats is increasing. We shall need 350,000 tons this year for porridge and another 350,000 tons to feed our town and colliery horses.

Beans and peas are another most important crop, second only to wheat. There is no better source of home-grown protein than beans, and these two crops are of great value in replacing imported feeding stuffs. Dried peas are also needed in large quantities for human food. Barley is useful because it provides both animal and human food. It can be used not only for beer but as an ingredient of an exceedingly appetising and nourishing loaf. We require more barley, although it should not be grown at the expense of wheat, oats, beans or peas.

Another heavy programme, therefore, faces farmers this year. They cannot begin ploughing too soon, especially since, in most districts, it will be impossible to make as early a start on the stubble as last year. Early ploughing is the best method of defeating the weeds that are so prolific this season, and it also means that autumn sowing can begin in good time so that the plant gets a good start in life.

The foundation of a successful harvest in 1942 will be laid this autumn. The importance of that harvest can hardly be exaggerated, for wars on the scale of this one are only won by those who can last out just a little longer than their enemies.

## NEW COUNCILLOR WELCOMED

Councillor F. J. Malpress, the newly co-opted member of Broadstairs Council, was welcomed by the chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) when he attended his first public meeting of the Council on Monday.

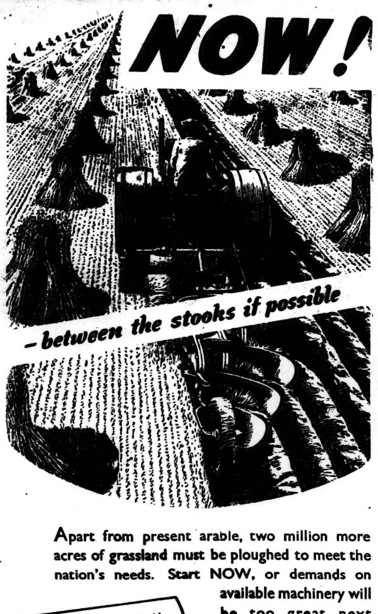
Councillor Pearson said they were very pleased to have Councillor Malpress with them and he was sure he would find the work interesting. His services would be welcome in these difficult times.

Returning thanks, Councillor Malpress said he hoped to be of assistance to the Council and the town.

During July 647 people were killed on the roads in Great Britain.


Time is food —

PLOUGH NOW!




Apart from present arable, two million more acres of grassland must be ploughed to meet the nation's needs. Start NOW, or demands on available machinery will be too great next Spring. Early ploughing means early sowing and early sowing means better crops.

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# RAMSGATE


**Estimates for Removal or Storage.**—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

**When you are passing 47 Queen Street**—pause, and just look in the window. The goods are very attractive and there may be the very thing you want. Apply at Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.


**Jam.**—Under the fruit preserving scheme over 500 lbs. of jam have now been made by members of the Ramsgate branch of the Women's Voluntary Services at the local centre, the Gas and Water Showrooms, High-street.

**Whist Drives.**—Whist Drives in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troops Comforts Fund are held at Clarendon House Gymnasium every Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. Come and spend a pleasant evening in a pleasant hall.

**Death of Miss Simmers.**—The death occurred at Hemel Hempstead last week of Miss Annie Mary Simmers, eldest daughter of the late Rev. George Simmers, of Ramsgate. Miss Simmers, who was 71 years of age, had a wide circle of friends at Ramsgate, where the family lived for many years at Aberdeen House, South Eastern-road.

**Hairdresser's Death.**—The death has occurred at Walton Cottage Hospital, Surrey, at the age of 77 years, of Mr. Harold George Hughes, who was for over 30 years in business as a hairdresser at 84 King-street, Ramsgate. The mourners at the funeral, which took place at St. Mary's Church, Walton-on-Thames, included the widow, two sons and three daughters.

# MARGATE

**Rest Rooms.**—Offers of easy chairs, tables, carpets, mats, rugs, pianos, gramophones and records, wireless sets, pictures and games would be welcomed by the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare, with a view to furnishing rest rooms for Service men during the winter months. On notification by postcard at the Town Hall or W.V.S. Centre, Royal School, gifts will be collected.

## RAMSGATE BOWLS VICTORY

Winning on each of the four rinks, Ramsgate Bowling Club defeated Chislet by a margin of 36 shots—89 to 53—at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Saturday.

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## MARGATE OLD BOY A PREBENDARY

An old boy of Holy Trinity School, Margate, and son of the late Mr. William Jarman, of Dane Hill-row, the Rev. C. E. Jarman, Vicar of Penkridge-with-Stretton and Rural Dean of Penkridge, has been appointed by the Bishop of Lichfield as prebendary of Colwich in Lichfield Cathedral.

A member of the Church Assembly, Mr. Jarman is also a member of Staffordshire County Education Committee and acts as secretary of the County Church Schools Association.

## MAGISTRATE TOLD THE MARINE

### KEEP SOBER OR GIVE UP DRINK

"If you can't drink in moderation give it up altogether," was the advice given by the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court on Monday to an 18-year-old Marine who was charged with being drunk and incapable.

P/C Foster said that at 9.55 p.m. on Friday he found defendant, Peter Beric Beveridge, of Cliffs End, lying on the footway in High-street. He got him to his feet but found he was drunk and quite incapable of looking after himself. He was taken to the police station in the police patrol car.

Beveridge said he was extremely sorry it happened.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said the police were equally as sorry as defendant to see him in such a position.

A fine of 5s. was imposed.

As Spr. Richard McPhail, aged 23, who was charged with being drunk and incapable in King-street at 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, failed to surrender to his bail the case was adjourned for a week.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said if McPhail was not present the following Monday he would have to be brought to the court.

## BUFFS CASUALTIES

A War Office casualty list reports the deaths of L/Corpl. J. F. Burrows and Pte. J. L. Cluer, of The Buffs.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths

### BIRTHS

**Parlett.**—24th August, at Margate, the wife of S. C. Parlett, of a son.

### MARRIAGES

**Fitzherbert—Bing.**—26th August, at St. Peter's Church, Thanet, by the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Hewlett Johnson), Humphrey Beresford Fitzherbert, of Kingsgate, to Winifred Ivy Bing, of Reading Street.

**Furneaux—Creasy.**—30th August, at Christ Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. P. M. Townend, William Edward Furneaux, son of Mr. Furneaux, of The Shirleys, Orpington, to Vera Margaret Creasy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Creasy, of 88 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate.

### DEATHS

**Foat.**—27th August, Winifred Cyrene Foat, aged 23 years.

**Green.**—26th August, at Staines, Middlesex, Norah Green, formerly of Broadstairs.

**Hughes.**—12th August, at Walton-on-Thames Hospital, Harold George Hughes, formerly of Ramsgate, aged 77 years.

**Lanser.**—25th August, in the Central Middlesex Hospital, Brian Lanser, aged 61 years.

**Simmers.**—27th August, at Hemel Hempstead, Annie Mary, eldest child of the late Rev. George and Mrs. Simmers, Aberdeen House, Ramsgate, aged 71. New Zealand papers please copy.

### RETURN THANKS

**Mrs. A. Bates and family** thank all kind friends for their sympathy in their sudden and sad bereavement, and for floral tributes.

**Mr. and Mrs. T. White and daughter** wish to thank all kind friends for letters and sympathy shown to them in the loss of their dear son.

—Avon, Vale-square, Ramsgate.

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